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To: AFOs

From: State Director

Subject: Call for FY 2005 Proposals Under the Applications of Science Theme (RP-13)
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We recently received the attached "advance copy" of a Washington Office memorandum soliciting project proposals for FY 2005 under the Applications of Science theme (RP-13). In FY 2004, California-BLM received funding for four Science Initiative projects (BPS #s 22416, 22592, 22349, and 22377), three of which are multi-year projects that will also be funded in FY 2005 (provided that appropriate progress is accomplished and documented in the first year.) In addition, funding continues in FY 2004 for two multi-year projects (BPS #s 5812 and 5776) that were begun in FY 2003. Although not explicitly stated, it is our understanding that funding for the Applications of Science initiative in FY 2005 is once again limited to \$1 million nationally. **If you would like to submit an Applications of Science funding request for FY 2005, your proposal must be entered into the Budget Planning System no later than April 26, 2004.**

Please review the attached memorandum for guidance concerning focus areas, project evaluation criteria, and National Science and Technology Center (NSTC) review procedures. Applications of Science project funds can be used for any purpose other than to pay for full-time permanent employees. Note that proposals submitted in response to this data call must be identified as Applications of Science projects. [Select option RP-13 from the Theme dropdown menu on the BPS project page (full theme title = RP-13 Resource Protection: Application of Science Initiative)]. Each BLM State may submit up to ten proposals, which are to be ranked (1 being the highest priority and 10 being the lowest priority) by the State Office or BLM Center that submits the proposals. The State Office ranking of the FY 2005 proposals must be completed by April 30, 2004.

Projects previously entered into BPS under Applications of Science theme RP-13 need not be resubmitted to be considered. However, to enhance your funding prospects, you may wish to update previously submitted proposals and re-write them to be more responsive to the project evaluation criteria. As noted in the attachment, projects will be ranked highest that best demonstrate a combination of the following.

1. A scientific or technological approach that addresses the needs associated with the focus area.
2. Delivery of useful products.
3. Reasonableness of funding estimates for the scope of work and a high return on the investment.
4. Effectiveness of the proposal in building partnerships with other science organizations.
5. Attention to local, regional, or national priority needs.
6. Integration of the proposal within the Bureau and with other agencies or interested parties.

Another factor considered by NSTC in evaluating Applications of Science proposals is whether there are external partners. Therefore, all proposals should identify potential partners, if any, and describe their roles and commitments in achieving project objectives.

Questions regarding the attached call for proposals may be directed to Ed Lorentzen in the California State Office at 916-978-4646 or to Lee Barkow, Director of the National Science and Technology Center, at 303-236-1142.

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Attachment

- 1 - Advance Copy of an Undated Washington Office Memorandum Regarding "Year 2005 Applications of Science Proposals" (5 pp.)

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